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My Best Friend and Patron,

THE Honour a late * DEDICATOR has done you, by declaring openly to the Public, the great and many *productions* that you are the AUTHOR of, in defence of your *public* and *private* Character, and to serve *yourself* and your *Friends*, has given me the highest Satisfaction; not but that I was astonished to think, that I (who was the only Confidant you imparted your *private Thoughts* and *private works* to, and who was bound in the most solemn manner, not to divulge them) should see you so plainly and clearly set before the Public, without my Aid or Assistance: But certainly this *modern Translator* must have a Foreknowledge of Things; or else your Affairs in their present *Situation*, made it necessary to discover those hidden Works of *Darkness*, that you and I have so often plodded over. But what need I

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* See the Dedication to Modern Observations.

talk of Fore-knowledge, or *Circumstances*, or *Situations*, when you and your Works blaze like a KERRY STONE in the darkest Corner; for certainly every Production was yours, that had the Name of the *Free-Citizen*, or *Dionysius*, or that of A—y L—en, a good Friend of ours: And now I think we have hit upon as good a *Scheme* as that of our Friend *Toneys*, and that is to confound the daring WIT of that *Saucy Translator*, who has had the Impudence to speak Truth of you, without the least Hopes or Inclination to serve me; but the Method you have taken in prefixing his Title of *Modern Observations*, &c. to your Works is an Act worthy of the Great CURL.

I SEND you here-with an impudent Advertisement of M.—W—n's, which he was going to publish, but I have stopped it. We must give him a little Money.

I ALSO send inclosed, the Advertisement of the Sword you so often wore, and beg that you will alter it fit for the Press, in order that they may be distributed among our Friends against the Day of Sale.

I am, Dear SIR,

with the most profound Respect,

Your most devoted and

most faithfull Servant,

The Publisher of your Works.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS and NEW TOASTS.

WHEREAS I am publickly charged in Print, with Mistakes, Carelessness, and frequent Omissions in my Business as a Printer; and privately it has been insinuated to many, that I betrayed to the *Translator* of the 1st Chapter of *Modern Observations*, the Name of the *Gentleman* who wrote the pretended Second Chapter of that Work, which gave Occasion to the Treatment that *Gentlemen* met with in the DEDICATION. Now I do assure the Public, that the abovementioned printed Scandal, and also the private Insinuation, are both false; and further, I take this Opportunity of acquainting them with the true Motive for that Proceeding, which was, because I happened to print a few *Toasts*, as drank on the 17th Day of *December* 1755, which in Truth was not drank at all on that Day, or any other Day, but which (except in a very Articles) I took Word for Word from the *Universal Advertiser* of the 18th of *December* 1754, which was taken Word for Word from the *Universal Advertiser* of the 21st of *December* 1753, which every Body knows was the Work of the *Free-Citizen*, and tho' all the World was acquainted, that no such *Toasts* were drank, yet every Body was pleased with the *Humour* and *Wit* of Printing them, as if they were really drank.— And now that I should be charged with Omissions, is very extraordinary, when in Truth, my Fault was, (if so it may be called) that I inserted more than I ought, but as I was not acquainted with the sudden Change in the Political Affairs

of Mr. *W——n*, (who was the Person that laid the Charge against me) and of *that Gentleman* his Patron, I ought not to have been treated so severely, for an Error, which proceeded from my Ignorance of the NEW GROUND we were all to stand upon, that Matter having not been communicated to me 'till the the whole Paper was actually printed and published; and since Mr. *W——n*, and his Patron, have discarded me, I hope I am at Liberty to take Care of myself; and as I am not very fond of changing, especially when it may happen for the worse, I take this Opportunity to acquaint the Public, that I shall continue the *True Genuine Universal Advertiser* as usual, without any *Cloak*, *Palliation*, or *Retrogression* in a Right Patriot Manner, with proper Observations on the Times; and as I have no Hopes of any Assistance from that *Gentleman*, I flatter myself, that all those who wish well to their Country at this critical Juncture, will furnish me occasionally with proper Hints for my Paper, by which Means I hope soon to open the Eyes of the Public, so that the Citizen of the meanest Capacity, may at one Glimpse, know the *false Patriot* from the real one, and I shall shew the World, that no Party, tho' ever so powerfull, shall be able to countenance *Mock Heroism*, and laugh at *Public Virtue*, by pretending to it, after they have avowedly given it up.

GENTLEMEN may depend on a fair Paper and neat Letter, as usual.

M. W.

N. B. By way of Specimen, I have annexed
a List

a List of *Toasts*, which shall be printed after the next Quarter-Meeting of the *Free-Citizens*, which TOASTS I shall take Care to have signed by their Secretary ; and also an Advertisement.

No. 1, 2, 3. The King and Royal Family, &c. &c. 4, Our Worthy and *Impartial* L. L——t, who restored Peace and Liberty to this Country. 5, His Eloquent S——y. 6, A proper Infusion of true Patriot Spirit, to S. R. C. the *Pearl of Ireland*. 7, Bread and Water to the DRUNKEN PARSON, that can laugh at the Misfortunes of his Country in Two-penny Pamphlets. 8, Perpetual Hissing to the Six Snakes, who cast off their *old Skins* only to take up *new ones*. 9, That *Ireland* may never harbour any *Venomous Creatures*. 10, That Liberty, and the Love of our Country, may never be a Cloak for *Popery*, *Avarice*, and *Ambition*. 11, That *Ireland* may never want Asserters of its Liberties, notwithstanding C——t Influence, P——s, and P——ns. 12, A new Pair of Spectacles to the *Free-Citizens*. 13, That no *Petty-Chapman*, or Political Dabbler in small Wares, may ever be able to drink the People out of their Senses. 14, That no S——cr——ys to G——ts or Cl——bs, may be able to cheat their Masters to serve their own private Purposes. 15, The C——rn B——ll. 16, The H——b——s C——p——s B——ll. 17, Better Regulation to the City of *Dublin*. 18, C——l Ar——dall. 19, Mr. Ad——ley, &c. &c.

To

To the PUBLIC.

To be sold by *private* Cant to the Highest Bidder,
at the *Free-Citizen's* Head in *Dame-Street*.

A Large SWITZER's Broad-Sword, famous
for going thro' several *Engagements*, and
fighting for any Party that would take it up.—
It is in extraordinary good Repair, only it wants
a GOLDEN CHAIN, which is lately lost, and
which was the principal Support of it's *Carriage*.
The Belt, &c. is extraordinary good, but the
TONGUE of the Buckle is a little wore, having
been *pushed* from one *Side* to the other so often,
that it now inclines to *neither*, nor can it stand
in the *Middle*, but is in a very *tottering* Way,
and makes several Slips, but this can be easily
remedied, at the small Expence of a little ready
Rhino, which however is not as yet forth-
coming.—This Sword sold for 350 Guineas in
its *best* Days.* —At same Time will be sold a Fa-
mous Instrument, called a *double-line Pencil*,
that will draw two Lines at one Stroke, one
BLACK and the other RED, very convenient for
such Person, as desires to buy the before-
mentioned Sword; and to prevent Trouble, they
will be sold together, and not for less than 500
Guineas.

* In L. Har———⁴ AP 54
n's Time.

(*This Day is publish'd,*)

The First Chapter of Modern Observations on
Ancient History, Price 2d.

Likewise the Dedication to *Ditto*, Price 3d.

(*In a few Days will be publish'd,*)

The Second GENUINE Chapter of Modern Ob-
servations on Ancient History, by the Author
of the First Chapter and DEDICATION.

N. B. Beware of Counterfeits.

